

**MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL MEETING
CITY OF CARROLLTON
MAY 20, 2002**

MINUTES

Regular Council Meeting	The Mayor and City Council met in regular session on Monday, May 20, 2002 at 7:30 o'clock p.m. in the Municipal Court/Council Chamber, Public Safety Complex, 115 West Center Street, Carrollton, Georgia. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Pilgrim.
Roll Call	<p>There were present:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Mayor Gerald Pilgrim, presiding Councilmember Gerald Byrd Councilmember Henry Dickerson Councilmember Rusty Gray Councilmember J. Carl Williamson, Jr.</p> <p>There were absent:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">None</p>
Invocation	The Invocation was offered by Councilmember Williamson.
Minutes	On a motion by Councilmember Williamson and seconded by Councilmember Gray, the minutes of the meeting of May 6, 2002 were adopted as previously circulated.
Monthly Rep.	The April 2002 Monthly Reports were acknowledged as information.
FY 2002-03 Budget	<p>FY 2002-03 General Fund, Water Fund and Sanitation Fund Operating Budgets were submitted as required under the City Charter.</p> <p>City Manager Danny Mabry advised that the General Fund budget reflects a <u>4.7%</u> increase over last Fy, however, it does not anticipate a tax millage increase. The Sanitation Enterprise Funds includes a rate increase of <u>16.5%</u>, which Mr. Mabry indicated is required to offset the 13% increase in tipping fees from \$31 to \$35. The Water Fund represents a <u>0.6%</u> increase.</p> <p>Mr. Mabry said a Public Hearing on the budget is scheduled for the June 3, 2002 Council Meeting, with final consideration for adoption scheduled for the Council Meeting of June 17, 2002.</p>
Short Term Work Program	City Manager Danny Mabry said the Georgia Department of Community Affairs (DCA) approved the City's Short Term Work Program with a minor modification. On a motion by Councilmember Dickerson and seconded by Councilmember Gray, a Resolution adopting the Short Term Work Program Update incorporating the suggested revision was unanimously approved. The adoption of this Resolution will enable the City to maintain its Certified Local Government status. Without this designation, the City would be ineligible to receive state supported grants and loans.

SwitchingSta./
Depot

On a motion by Councilmember Dickerson and seconded by Councilmember Williamson, the Mayor and Council approved the framework for an Agreement with Norfolk Southern Railroad to relocate the existing switching station and acquire the Bradley Street Depot.

City Manager Danny Mabry explained that the project began primarily as a traffic improvement effort to alleviate the traffic congestion problems created when the railroad's switching station blocks multiple streets (Bradley, Maple, Dixie) in the City. Original plans to construct a bridge were determined to be not viable. Relocation of the switching station was developed as an alternative and approved by the Mayor and City Council. When the City learned that Norfolk Southern planned to demolish the Bradley Street Depot, these two projects became linked.

Under the framework agreement, the City will finalize the funding plan; undertake a Phase I environmental review at the Depot site; and prepare a survey of the property to be acquired for review by the Mayor and Council.

Bids – Bushhog

Three price quotations for a tractor/bushhog to be used in the Street Department to clear and maintain right-of-ways were considered. They were as follows:

Superior Equipment Co., Inc.	(New Holland)	\$15,800
Georgia Deer Farm, Inc.	(Massey-Ferguson)	\$16,000
West Georgia Farm Power, Inc.	(John Deer)	\$17,900

Mr. Charles Pope, Street/Sanitation Director, advised Mr. Mabry that all the equipment is analogous and satisfactory for the intended use.

Because the two lowest bid differential was insignificant, on a motion by Councilmember Dickerson and seconded by Councilmember Williamson, the second lowest bid of Georgia Deer Farm, Inc. was accepted because it is a local based business.

License
Agreement

City Manager Danny Mabry advised that cities which sponsor events or permit events to be held on local government properties such as festivals, concerts, arts and crafts shows, parades, firework displays, swimmingpools, community centers, aerobic classes, etc., are subject to copyright laws.

The American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers (ASCAP), in conjunction with the International Lawyers Assn., have developed a Licensing Agreement. The legal counsel with the Georgia Municipal Association recommends that the City approve and execute the Agreement prior to June 30, 2002. The cost to the City is **\$250.00** plus **1%** of any revenues from an event in which the City grosses more than **\$25,000.00**

The Licensing Agreement was unanimously approved on a motion by Councilmember Williamson and seconded by Councilmember Byrd.

Wil-Mor Propt.
PUD

At the Council Meeting of February 4, 2002, the Mayor and Council approved a project plan for Wil-Mor Properties Planned Unit Development (PUD) located off Fourth Street/River Drive. There was considerable discussion regarding the flood plain in the vicinity of the proposed project.

During the recent technical administrative review of the plans, City Staff found that six lots would be constructed on “*built-up*” areas within the existing flood plain. As a result of the “*build-up*” the lots were no longer considered to be technically in the flood plain.

Mr. Charles Frost of Crawford & Associates, noted that this process would actually improve conditions in the Valley Circle area.

After a lengthy discussion, in a 3-1 vote, the Mayor and Council approved the plan as presented which includes the “*build-up*” of the flood plain, on a motion by Councilmember Gray and seconded by Councilmember Dickerson. Councilmember Byrd voted in opposition to the plan.

Appoint.

On a motion by Councilmember Gray and seconded by Councilmember Byrd, the Mayor and Council voted 3-2 to name Dr. Peter Balega to replace Mr. George Ward as the City’s ex-officio representative to the Carroll County Water Authority Board. Mayor Pilgrim, Councilmember Gray and Councilmember Byrd voted in favor of the motion, Councilmember Dickerson and Councilmember Williamson voted in opposition to the motion.

Almon Rd.

Mrs. George (Jackie) Ward thanked the Mayor and Council for the improvements done to Almon Road. She said the modifications are a beautiful addition to this area.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Mayor and Council, the meeting adjourned at 8:25 o’clock p.m.